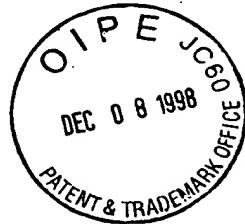


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FOR: CUTTING DEVICE AND CUTTING METHOD FOR OPTICAL FIBER

SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED TRANSLATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH
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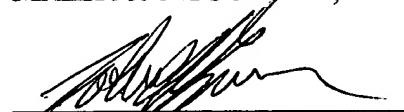
Responsive to the notification dated OCTOBER 8, 1998, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.52 (d), Applicants submit herewith a certified English translation of the above-identified application, originally filed in Japanese. Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Submission of Certified Translation and
Filing of Declaration
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Notice to File Corrected...**

Our check in the amount of \$_____.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- 1. An Abstract, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).
- 2. The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- 3. A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - All sheets must be the same size and either A4 (21 cm x 29.7 cm) or 8-1/2" x 11".
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- 6. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 setting forth the residence (city and state or foreign country) of each applicant (or legal representative under 37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43 of each applicant).
- 7. An English translation of the non-English language application, the \$130.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- 8. OTHER: _____

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DECLARATION

I, Tatsuya Suzuki of c/o SHIGA INTERNATIONAL PATENT OFFICE, OR Building, 23-3, Takadanobaba 3-chome, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan, understand both English and Japanese, am the translator of the English document attached, and do hereby declare and state that the attached English document contains an accurate translation of the Japanese specification filed on September 25, 1998, under the filing number 09/160,581, and that all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge.

Declared in Tokyo, Japan

This 24th day of November, 1998



Tatsuya Suzuki